



Massachusetts Prescription Awareness Tool (MassPAT)

What is MassPAT?

The Massachusetts Prescription Awareness Tool (MassPAT) is an online tool utilized by authorized providers that supports safe prescribing and dispensing of Schedules II – V controlled substances.

By viewing a patient's prescription history in the system, a provider can improve the safety of drug therapy and coordinate care by communicating with other providers to improve clinical outcomes and overall patient health.

Utilization of MassPAT can also enable early identification of potential prescription drug misuse, abuse or diversion and trigger early intervention.

The prescription information is reported electronically to the PMP at least every 24 hours, or next business day. Pharmacies must report all Schedules II through Schedule V prescriptions filled in Massachusetts or for someone in Massachusetts. Pharmacies include:

- Outpatient pharmacies
- Retail pharmacies
- Clinic pharmacies
- Veterans Affairs outpatient pharmacies
- Out-of-state mail order pharmacies

MassPAT at a Glance:

1. Total number of individuals registered with Massachusetts Prescription Awareness Tool (MassPAT) as of 8/28/2017: **58,867** (including delegates).
2. Total number of physicians registered as of 8/28/2017: 30,188.
3. More than **6.1 million searches** on the MassPAT to date. Weekly average of approximately **125,000** searches conducted in MassPAT.
4. **96% of prescribers** that prescribed at least one Schedule II or III opioid between Jan. and Mar. of 2017 have registered with MassPAT.
5. As of 8/28/2017, Massachusetts has connected with **31 states and the District of Columbia to share patient prescription data**, including: Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Connecticut and Rhode Island, and Maine.

The Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP):

The Massachusetts PMP is a program within the Department of Public Health (DPH) that collects dispensing information on Massachusetts Schedule II through V controlled substances dispensed pursuant to a prescription. **Effective August 1, 2017, Gabapentin a Schedule VI drug must be reported by pharmacies**

DPH analyzes the PMP data to:

- Determine prescribing and dispensing trends;
- Provide patient prescription history information to prescribers and dispensers;
- Provide educational information to health care providers and the public; and
- Provide case information to regulatory and law enforcement agencies concerning drug distribution and diversion.

For More Information:

www.mass.gov/dph/dcp/pmp